

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Claim 15 has been amended so as to overcome the claim objection raised by the Examiner on page 2 of the Office action.

Independent claims 1, 11 and 12 have been extensively amended so as to define over the prior art. It is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 11 and 12 are patentable over the cited and applied prior art references for the reasons set forth hereinbelow.

Independent claim 1 has been amended so as to include the recitation of previously submitted dependent claim 4 along with the further recitation that the pure plastic film is unrolled from a coil. Support for the amendment made to independent claim 1 can be found on page 9, paragraph [0032] of the substitute specification. Both of the cited and applied prior art references refer to extrusion films. Claim 1 as amended requires that the outer layer which is applied to the fiber web is a pure plastic material film unrolled from a coil. The prior art does not teach, disclose, suggest, or render obvious such a method step for producing a fiber reinforced sheet material wherein the outer layers of the fiber reinforced sheet material are fed and unrolled from a coil and comprise pure plastic material film. Accordingly, it is believed that independent claim 1 and the claims which depend therefrom patentably define over the prior art.

With regard to independent claim 11, claim 11 is drawn to a method for the production of fibre-reinforced plastic material articles in a moulding tool wherein the cavity of the moulding tool is coated with a film of reactive starting material. Neither of the prior art references cited by the Examiner

disclose such a method of producing a fibre-reinforced plastic material article by means of a moulding tool as claimed in independent claim 11. Accordingly, it is submitted that independent claim 11 patentably defines over the cited and applied prior art references.

Independent method claim 12 has been extensively amended. Claim 12 sets forth a perforated plate to form the foamed material layer. Support for this limitation can be found on page 19, paragraph [0067] of the instant specification. The Brambach patent does not teach, disclose or render obvious such a perforated plate. Neither the Dunton et al. nor Winckler et al. references cure the deficiencies of the primary reference. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 12 patentably defines over the prior art of record.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims as pending patentably define over the art of record and the early issuance of a formal notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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